SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 396

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes great pleasure in recognizing El Paso student Joella Methola, who recently received a 2013 Prudential Spirit of Community Award for her exemplary volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, This conscientious 12-year-old is among nine other Distinguished Finalists in Texas this year; nationwide, more than 28,000 young people participated in this year's program, which is designed to encourage and acknowledge good works by America's youths; and

WHEREAS, Despite her age, Joella has already established a track record as a volunteer; since 2011, the eighth-grader has helped raise more than $13,000 for worthy causes, including relief efforts on behalf of Haitian earthquake victims; and

WHEREAS, Joella is also a diligent servant in her hometown of El Paso; she serves on the board of her student council at Saint Pius X School and is currently the secretary for the National Junior Honor Society; in between all these activities, she finds time to mentor and tutor other youths in her community; and

WHEREAS, For her generosity, Joella received an engraved bronze medallion; these annual honors are sponsored by Prudential Financial, Incorporated, in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, Such national honors remind us that the success and vitality of our communities, our state, and our nation depend in great measure on the dedication of young people like Joella; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Joella Methola as a Distinguished Finalist in the 18th annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards and extend to her sincere best wishes in all her future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Joella as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 4, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate